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Applicant : James E. BADER, *et al.*  
Filed : February 13, 2002  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SHARED USE OF COMMON GPIO LINE  
TC/Art Unit : 2182  
Examiner: : Eron J. Sorrell

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
2011 South Clark Place  
Customer Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, VA 22202

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Fees have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate		Amount
				Large Entity	Small Entity	
Number of Claims in Excess of 20	44	44	0	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3	4	4	0	\$ 86.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 290.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 0.00
Extension Fee: a) One Month				\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00
b) Two Months				\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.00
c) Three Months				\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 0.00
d) Four Months				\$1480.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 0.00
e) Five Months				\$2010.00	\$1005.00	\$ 0.00
Other:						\$ 0.00
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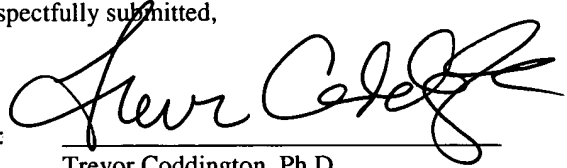
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Small Entity Status Claim: ☐ is hereby requested. ☐ is of record in this application.

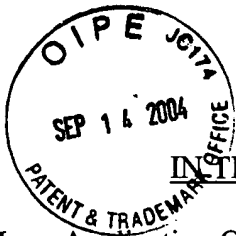
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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of all rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

*In sum, claims 8, 18, 28, and 37 are currently amended.*

*Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-27, 29-36, and 38-44 remain unchanged.*

*No claims have been canceled or added.*

*Accordingly, claims 1-44 are currently pending.*

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.